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Classified By: POL M/C Brian Flora. Reason 1.4 (b) and (d).

1. (C) Post delivered ref demarche to Foreign Affairs Canada on May 5; however, it is only recently that we have been able to reach officers in the North American and Euro-Atlantic Security and Defence Relations Division (IDR). Our key contacts have been unavailable due to a convergence of travel, training and the PMO's directive to stand up a robust "Darfur policy."

2. (C) Acting IDR Director Isabelle Poupart told polmiloff on May 17 that the GOC blueprint for its upcoming PRT is very much in line with the government's "3-D" approach to foreign policy; the approach integrates "diplomacy, defence and development" into execution of policy objectives. Thus, Poupart asserted, Canada already operates from the premise that close coordination among the military and civilian components of a PRT is a "must" for success. She said that the Kandahar PRT would reflect this highly collaborative approach.

3. (C) Poupart acknowledged, however, that "not everyone" had the same philosophy, and the GOC would be willing to look at the concept of regular reporting (to NATO) on aspects of the civilian components of PRTs. But the government would need greater detail regarding a) the type of information to be provided and b) the mechanism to achieve information sharing. Poupart didn't quite understand, for example, why the NATO Steering Committee couldn't serve as central repository of information rather than an "individual", as floated in our demarche. Polmiloff agreed to try and obtain additional background to facilitate Canadian government deliberations.

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